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Dearest Mother and all,

Well here I am trying to write again. It may interest you to know that I will be in San Francisco when you receive this letter. We land tomorrow at 2PM. I won't cry either. We will have traveled 4850 miles on water. That's just too much at one time.

The trip through Panama was fine. We docked on the Atlantic side at a place called Colon. The place was pretty but I didn't like it. Mostly Negros. People wearing white suits. Some were in swimming. It took us 8 hours to go through the canal. The place is just beautiful. Everything pretty and green. Mountains most of the way. We spent the night in Balboa harbor. We have been feeling punk for the past few days. The was sea men teal I guess. I have eaten so much ice cream that I don't care for any more. We have it every day for dinner. We had more turkey for New Years. We have fruit for breakfast and supper.

We enjoy playing cards. We also enjoy the show and daily paper. The paper is made up of news that came over the radio ect.

The boat is doing some kind of rocking. I doubt if I can walk a straight line. I stay sleepy all the time. I can't get enough sleep. I hope to catch up some day. I also hope to get enough boat riding.

I am going to have to make this short for I do good to hold my head up. I have got to write Ava and Grace anyway. Did you get the letter alright? I put stamps on it. I won't seal this maybe Bob will add a few words.

Did the car get home okay? Did you get to keep it? Let us know right away. Have my clothes cleaned and put away. Daddy can have the khaki pants and wool shirt, I will need the rest when I return.

I will close and mil this now. We put it in mail box at is mailed as soon as we dock. We will write again soon. Until then goodbye and good luck. Remember I love you lots.

Love Always,

Brock



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Fort McDowell Angel Island, California Jan 6, 1940

We got our laundry ready to send off this morning and it came to \$6.00 so we are going to have work day before long. Most of the boys are broke but we still have \$17.00 to the good and have \$12.00 still coming from last months pay not [unreadable]

Well how is everybody today. I hope you all feel as good as I do. We got to the harbor yesterday and got on another boat and went to Angel Island where we will stay about 10 or 15 days. It is a pretty place and they feed good too. We hadn't had much to eat on boat. The trip was wonderful, it was like a dream, but I still intend to see more before we get to Hawaii, and on the way back we will come through states from S.F. Won't that be fine. You know I said I wanted some rough water to see how I would feel sea sick. Well we got the rough water but I didn't get sick but I came as near to it I changed my mind. I don't want to get sea sick. A.C got sick and like to have lost his stomach it was fun watching them hang over the rails. We have been close to coast for a large ways and see nothing but mountains and they sure are pretty. We went through the Golden Gate at San Francisco bay yesterday. San Francisco is nothing but a mountain itself but it is pretty. We are going to get a pass and look over everything before we leave.

Well did the car get home alright. I hope so. I dreamed the other night that he hadn't gotten there yet and again it was torn up. I hope we get a letter today and I will feel better. I wish we could have gotten the car home Xmas but couldn't make it. I hope you all had a big time which I am sure you did. How is Ava's baby coming. I know she is getting prettier every day. Don't forget to tell her about her uncles. How is Betty Jean and daddy coming. I am still looking for a letter from them. Tell Betty Jean to be careful about her [unreadable].

We have decided for you to put our clothes away and take good care of them for we will need them when we get back, because we are going to see some of the states before we get back and will come home broke. We will sail for Hawaii between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> I think. Write us a long letter.

Remember I love you all, Bob

fort ma Do Jan 8, 1940 Dear mather & all, one yet. I got one from strace the day of got here. Key receive Did you send to wrong address. aunt makel wrote Kay you Carrying his clothes home. That releaved us gahave been wondering weather the can got there our nut. you made it all right with the Company? I would like to how way thing is like heard sweat time that it's again We will he here until the 20th so let us know what I we feat much hetter now that we we are land again. (ne located in a good place. Son Francisco Bay on one se lengel montain on the other you can see over France from the mortain. The Galden esale; allating; no me were going upon the meritain to day, but is Her laining cell day. We will go up what week to it will be late of puntoure. We well go up what week to we got what we needed plinty of push his and exercise I made out a lumdey slip yesterday. It came to sex delle we decided to ward them our selves. We left them on the last night. when out this morning to find them scorted a the Part. Book & Ray are unaking them out you. If the buge up there is no telling when they will get day. Seen Shine Nam. you can't tell which one comes ruft I expect this is be our last time to put out to washing as long asthe I uppert a letter before you get this one so war lang more abent it. Do write us if you haven't

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Fort McDowell
Angel Island, California
Jan. 8, 1940

Dear Mother and all,

I have been expecting a letter from home, but haven't received one yet. I got one from Grace the day I got here. Ray received three. Did you send to wrong address. Aunt Mabel wrote Ray about you carrying his clothes home. That relieved us a lot. Have you made it all right with the company? I would like to know how everything is. I've heard several times that it is against the law to do such. Here is hoping that you can keep the car. We will be here until the 20th so let us know what to expect.

We feel much better now that we are on land again. We are located in a good place. San Francisco Bay on one side and Angel Mountain on the other. You can see over Francisco from the mountain "The Golden Gate", "Alcatraz", "World's Fair Ground" and other places of interest.

We were going up on the mountain today, but it has been raining all day. We will go up next week maybe it will be lots of fun I'm sure. We went part of the way yesterday. We got what we needed plenty of fresh air and exercise.

I made out a laundry slip yesterday. It came to six dollars (\$6). We've decided to wash them ourselves. We left them on the line last night. Went out this morning to find them scattered all over the post. Bob and Ray are washing them out now. If the weather keeps up there is no telling when they will get dry. "Sun Shine and rain. You can't tell which one comes next. I expect this will be our last time to put out a washing as large as this one.

I expect a letter before you get this one so won't say any more about it. Do write us if you haven't.

We are on Angel Island just across the bay. We can get passes on Wednesdays and Saturdays to go to San Francisco. We didn't go over yesterday. I think we will go Wednesday. I hope to see the place before we leave for Hawaii. We haven't done a thing since we left the boat. I didn't put in but 48 hours on the boat. Therefore I've done nothing since I left home a month ago. I expect we will catch some kind of duty next week. More than likely we will work in kitchen.

Fort McDowell is a discharge and placement depot. They stay here waiting for a boat. They come in every day and leave every day.

The next part of the letter is written by Bob

Hello everyone how are you all today. We are all just fine. We just brought my clothes in the house so they would dry. We sure had a [damage] time with our clothes but I think we will make it.

I weighed Sat and I bet you can't guess how much I weighed 170 Ray 180. Well Brock has told you all the news so will close. I am expecting a letter.

Mr James R Thornhill

Fort McDowell

**Angel Island** 

Love Brock and Bob

San Francisco, Calif

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## Dearest Mother

Now is everything in Mississippi? Hawaii is in the best of health. Sunshine just as hot as can be. It's mighty easy to blister. Hawaii is known as the land of rainbows. I see them every day although it doesn't rain.

Your sons are making news. We are to have our pictures taken tomorrow. I don't know exactly what they are going to do with them. I heard they are going to be put in our home paper and "The Army and Navy Review". We were asked a lot of questions last week. Parents names, when enlisted, when arrived here, athletics, and education, where and how much. I will give you details later.

Do you still plan to send us the Tylertown Times? It well be great help to us. We take the

Honolulu Advertiser". I like it lots.

I will have letter from you before you receive this. I know it well contain all news so I won't ask you for it. I do wonder how things are around the old hill. The boast leaves with mail Friday. I don't know if there is one leaving before then or not. It will take from two to three weeks for this to arrive. I will let Bob finish this. Good bye and good luck. Lots of love to all, Brock.

## Hello everyone

Seems that Brock gets the news before I start writing every time, but I'll write something.

We started drilling this morning. It's not going to be bad, I kinda like it. We have a good Sargent to drill under. He told us some good news this morning, it really made me feel better. H said that if we were good soldiers in the recruit camp and didn't mess up that we would get a chance at going to school all of us, and if that's so which I am sure it is I'll be in school or I am really working for it. I was afraid it would be like it was at Maxwell Field. The put you where they wanted you. Like K.P., MR, and those kind of things don't mean anything. They didn't have any schools there and here they have all kink of schools. The sergeant also said that if we wanted to be a cadet to the officers when we finished the recruit drill and we could have a chance at that. Brock said he was going to try it. I think I am going to try air mechanic first if I make it. I am going to learn to fly later, most mechanics can fly a plane.

Anyway, I am afraid I can't pass the exams and might miss this AM for I am going to take it easy and I might change my mind. I am going to look into it first though. There were two mechanics riding around Sun. morning and crashed. They were both from this field and hurt pretty bad, both in hospital. [unreadable] found out what caused it yet. But don't let that alarm you. Boy if I could be a pilot I would be satisfied. I really would like it.

I'll be glad when we get a letter, it seems like months since we got one. I know it well be long and newsy. I have been writing plenty in last week. Grandmothers, Boyd Thornhill, Aunt Babe, and Mae, Ava, Herbert, Fred and you. I think I am getting better. How about it.

Have you got the pictures yet. I hope they are good. J.C. had some developed over here and they were good. I had a lot of Panama Canal.

Well how is our baby coming. I'll bet she's as fat as a pig. Say, is she spoiled yet. I am expecting it. Hs she been sick yet. From all accounts Ava is taking good care of her. Betty nurse than I expected. How is Uncle Hobson's baby. It is gaining much.

I wonder how Uncle Bud come out in his election. I hope he won.

We have a radio in our room and we get some real pretty music, Hawaiian native.

Will daddy and Betty Jean know you are farming these days. Has it warmed up much yet. We have good old warm sunshine. It gets kinda hot about 12 o'clock but every evening and morning, night it is fine. Lay around in shorts and sleep under a sheet. It is fine.

Say what size shorts and blouse do you wear and daddy. I don't know what I would send you. We have some loud shirts but I don't know whether you would like them or not. I think I'll send you one with hula gals with grass skirts all over them. I bet you would shine.

Well that's about all for today. It will probably take us a month to get it. Brock got a from Lroc yesterday that was mailed Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. I hope it won't take them all that long but it had been almost everywhere.

Will be looking for a letter from you two a personal letter. You know one like I had to write you all.

Tell [unreadable] hello. Remember I love you all,

Bob

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Hello Sis

Hey I got your letter this morning and was it interesting. It was mailed the 5<sup>th</sup> of Jan. You remember that crack you make about those handsome men. I am afraid you made a mistake or were you thinking of your boyfriend.

You know you said Mr. McNair went to the store after every class. That's just like him. He came back and found two boys playing and they got something they weren't looking for. I imagine Brock can tell you something about that for he got on him several times. You might have not heard about it though.

So Santa Clause was good to you eh. Well I am glad for he didn't come out over the ocean. I never will forget that Xmas we were between Panama and San Francisco. You should have enough puzzles to keep you going for a while.

That dinner still sounds good. That 12lb turkey and fresh meat with all that company I know you all enjoyed it.

You mention Milton having the stove fixed up wrong. Has he got all the eyes fixed yet. I don't remember you saying. Does mother use it much?

You mentioned playing ball with the different school, but didn't say who won but I can figure that out. Will be good <u>double ugly</u>.

Love, Bob

Hello Dad.

So mother and Betty Jean do you the same way Brock does me. They write and leave me nothing but glad to hear from you even though it is kinda late.

Looks like you bragged on the car too soon, said you got 70 and believed it would make 80 and then everything had to go wrong with it, but mother says it is about ready to go again. I hope so anyway, next time you get her in it, show her first how fast it will go.

You said you all started cleaning the swamp. It is hard to believe but after all that snow I don't imagine you got much done. It sounds like you all are planning on a big crop this year. I want you to see that something is made on it this year.

Too bad about you being sick. Hope you are up again.

Well looks like I have stalled. I can't think of another thing to write so will close. Be good and we love you lots

Your sons

Bob told [unreadable] while I was playing basketball. I want to say the same I want to say the same news. No need to rewrite it. Just read his over.

We are still having fun. We got 16 letters this week. Today is only Thursday, we may get more. Grace is real nice about writing. I got 3 letters from her. No News so will close.

Love

Brock

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May 15, 1940 Wheeler Field 18<sup>th</sup> Air Base Sqdn Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Mother and Ava and Family,

We got your letter the first of week. It sure did sound like you are enjoying your rest and am I proud, that's just what you need. How did you feel getting up at nine o'clock and drinking coffee in bed. I know you feel much better by your letters.

I suppose you all are about up with your sewing by now. You mentioned making us some pajamas and bath robes. It was nice of you to think about it, but I don't care for any. Brock might want some.

To bad about cousin Ricky being sick. Hope she is better by now. Ray got a letter from home today and said Willie Mae was sick again and had been in the hospital.

You keep mentioning writing Alle and Jep. We hadn't even got their address and didn't get a letter from them either. Send us their address. I wrote Maude & Webb last week.

Well I haven't got but about two more weeks to go to school. I think we got out about the third of June. I will be glad when it's over. I am going to try to get a physical exam for Randolf Sat and if I pass I am going to work to pass the mental and it is going to take a lot of work too.

Well how is Sue and B.J. coming. I bet they are having a time. I can't wait to get some more pictures of her. I know she is a cutie.

Seems that I am stuck so will close for this time.

Love to all,

Bob

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Dear Mother,

Well I first got your letter, one from Ava and B.J. and you, and they sure were interesting. I was glad to know you had got my letters for I knew I had written them.

So they have some army planes in McComb now. I imagine you hear a little of what we hear a lot of. There is only 28 planes there and about 100 here. You talk like you expected some large planes but I suppose you were disappointed when you saw them. I suppose they were all pursuit planes or did they have some bombers over there. The bombers are pretty good size, but there is no room for many passengers, they are made for carrying bombs. Any way, you saw the planes we have. We have been having maneuvers over there too. Air raids all during the day and night, alert calls all during the night, we will blackout about the 26th I think.

How do you think I would look as a pilot. I am determined to be one or nothing in the Army.

Looks like you can't get your mind off of letting the car go back, but you just as well too. We are expecting a raise about the 15<sup>th</sup> of next month and I enjoy sending the money to you. We have plenty anyway. I know you all will need the car and in a month or two we will hardly miss the money, so just take it easy here. You said you hated to mention it on account of everything you write seems to be unpleasant, but still I like to hear it all. I hope someday all the news will be good, and if I make that pilot I think we will be fixed. I almost know Brock will make it.

So Daddy is trying to be good, and get you back out on the Old Hill-Ha. Just forget it all for I wouldn't have you go back for anything. I am sure everything will work out fine but of course it will take a little time.

You said you were going out and see him about giving you claim on the crop and rent check. I hope he agrees and things go on as smooth as possible and the negroes make a good crop. I suppose you have moved your furniture by now or have you.

I hated to hear about uncle Hobson and he bank, but the way he has it fixed he won't lose much. I hope he comes out all right.

I think Ava and Major has been mighty, mighty good about everything and I know Ava enjoys it all. I only wish it was something I could do, but don't you worry about your independence for after all we owe it all to you. I just hope someday I can just pay a little of what I owe you back in some, for I know what you have been through to get me this for after all make you happy makes me happy, so don't let the wrong idea, for we all will never repay you.

Poor J.C. got disappointed the other day when he got his rating, he was expecting a 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> which pays about \$40, but he only got 6<sup>th</sup> class private which pays \$3. more, and those kind of rating are hard to get rid of too. If they push something like that at me

I am going to tell them to keep it but I think we will get a pretty good one. We got our last weeks grades this morning and I had an average of 80.

Did you all hear the President's speak this morning. It was quite interesting don't you think. I think the air corps will get about \$590090000 of the money he asked for and will buy more planes and equipment. I also noticed in the paper today where there were 200 pilots that had been out of service on account of physical disabilities for the army pilots one being put in active service to train new pilots and I hope I am one of them.

I am glad uncle Will is paid for I don't see how I could pay him now.

Alle seems to be happy don't she, well I hope she will always be and they will have the best of luck. I wonder if Jep will get married now.

Brock wrote me a note. I have been trying to get him to come up to see the place, but he won't. Therefore I will go down Sat. sometime.

Remember I love you dearly

Bob

Dear Ava,

Well Ava we sure do appreciate you writing when mother doesn't feel like it. She sure is proud of you and what you are doing for her. I know she is much better satisfied by the way she writes. I sure is nice of Major to help the way he is

I hope you all can get them some clothes to wear and the expense won't be so much then.

I hope B.J. will soon get settled and meet some play mates. I sure am glad for her, for I know she will go places if she has a chance, like her big sis.

I am sure glad you all got my letters for you had [unreadable] mother letters and said you all had got them.

Ava, that baby of yours must be the doings from all I can hear, Don't forget to send us some of her pictures for I want to keep up with her as much as possible.

Looks like this is all for tonight so will close.

Love

Bob

Dear Sis,

I sure was glad o get that letter from you and liked the nice things you said about us. Too bad about your toy but I hope you didn't break it, but I still can't see where that would have any effect on your writing it was trouble and I know you can beat that.

It was nice of you to take mother to the show. I know she enjoyed it.

I suppose you are all dressed up by now and started to Sunday School. I want you to take mother along to, I know she wants to go though.

Well it is not long until your birthday is it, and you will be 12 years old, will soon be a young lady. Well I am going to be looking for another letter and don't wait so long to write.

Love

Bob

Hickam Field Honolelu, J. H. May 22, 1940

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17<sup>th</sup> Air Base Hickam Field Honolulul, T.H. May 22, 1940

Dear Ava,

Your letter came first so you will be the first to hear from me. The mail box really looked good this morning. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from Grace, one from you and one from mother and the two notes from Bettye Jean. I will write the three of you right now.

Was glad to hear of mother's improvement. I knew that you would get her on her feet again. I bet she is a flapper now. I hope you manage to keep her feeling fine. Don't let her worry about her sons for we are in fine condition. I believe we are safe from the war the US may enter. Don't let the war upset you though. We may not even declare war.

Too bad about the boy getting lost when he jumped from plane. Our paper stated that he has been found. The picture mother sent was in the paper here last week. I suppose the maneuvers are over by now. They will be over here on Saturday 24. We have really carried out the act. Alert calls and fire calls were given out hours not expected. I have enjoyed them very much. I think we are going to have another one at midnight tonight. No one really knows when the next one will be. Anytime suits me.

Yes, it well be much nicer for mother to get her wardrobe and bed. I bet she would like to have that good old chest too. I wouldn't crowd the place though. Get all you can without crowding the house.

Your brother is acting Sargent but he doesn't draw the pay. I am going to put in for mechanic school next week. The big Sargent told us to put in for what we want and he will see that we get it. The Over Seers is running out. It will be discontinued within a few weeks. I will go to same school that Charles is in, only I will only go three months and he will go nine.

Glad you heard from Doalie. I hope she continues to be happy with Joe.

Send a picture of family along with the one of Sue Carol. I bet all of you are cute. I would like to slip in on you when I wasn't expected.

Just what is the trouble with car? Can't it be fixed. You wanting to turn it in now hear you are lost without it. Try and fix it. We are going to keep it for I know you need it bad. I don't like the idea of bumming rides. Do you?

Thanks for seeing Williams about my paper. Maybe I will get it soon.

Will write other's now. They may let you read them.

Lots of love always

Brock

Bettye Jean is next up to bat. Ava is right, you must be drunk. Your address is wrong and your writing is awkward. Should I send you a fountain pen. See if you can't borrow mothers. I don't like to get letters written with a pencil. That is backward. Try and catch up dear. Use a pen at all time. Never use a pencil to write letters.

I bet you have added a few names to your list by now. Do your best to meet all the nice boys and girls. They will mean a lot to you. I am glad that you go to recreation center to play. You should meet lots of friends there.

How is Sunday school and church dear. I hope you enjoy them as I do. You must feel dressed up in that pretty dress and new shoes.

I was proud of my red flower on Mother's day too. There wasn't been worn but I wore mine. There is only one day out of 365 set aside for mother. I think there should be more. Lets make every day Mother's day. Why can't it be her day as good as it can be yours or mine. See if you can make such be true. I know you can if you want it that way.

I will see that mother will be able to get you a Bible for your birthday. You need one bad. Use a capital B when used in Bible always. Always think of that when you write the word. Capitalize pronouns that are used instead of Bible. You are right just about 30 days from now and you will be twelve year old.

Did you enjoy your visit at the Pope's. I know you had lots of fun.

You have been very good about writing. Don't feel bad because I correct you. I am only trying to help you. I had to be told once upon a time. I look for mistakes in letters. It does me a lot of good o discover mistakes that you and other makes in letter. If you don't believe it ask Grace the next time you see her. As I was saying I like your letters. You could make the appearance better though.

Keep up the good work and try to do better each day. You may find it hard in places but you can prepare yourself for those occasions. Don't let anything stop you. Stay with the best only. Nothing but the best is good enough for us.

I will close now but you will hear from me again soon. Take care of the family and don't let them get spoiled.

Until a later date I must say Good Bye dear.

Lots of Love

Always,

**Brock** 

PS Has Grace got a sister named Majorie?

The third up to bat is my dear mother. Three up and three down. That's the way I take them. The ball game will soon be over. It looks like it's going to be a tie. That's it, I get as much out of writing a letter as the receiver. I enjoy writing letters to those that I know enjoy getting them.

Your sons are feeling fine. I am still acting Sargent and Bob is still a student at Wheeler. He was down Saturday. We went to Pearl Harbor to see Ray Hilburn. He wasn't at home though. He had the same thing in mind. He was here when we returned. We enjoyed looking at the ships in the harbor though. Bob has an average of 80 in his course. He will be back here with me in two weeks.

I think it is a good time to have Bettye Jean's tonsils removed myself. Set her read for a big year next school year. Bob's doesn't bother him. I think he can wait until he gets back home. I am glad that mine are out.

Grace told me of the card she sent you. I thought it was mighty nice of her. We didn't send a card but I know you got what you needed. She said that she waved at you one afternoon but didn't think you recognized her. Have you heard the good news. She is elected at Ford, Amite County. She will teach the third and fourth grades. Don't you know that she is tickle over the fact. The superintendent told her he would not require her to attend school this summer. She must have made a big hit. I know she can hold the position though.

Flowers through the mail. Trying to be nice for a change. Don't let things of that sort pull you out of the happy days that you are now living. He can't be trusted, you should know that by now. You are where you belong and that's where you are going to stay.

Poor Uyser-bottom. What is going to become of that place. I guess you will have plenty hay in a few weeks. That's alright, maybe the rest of the place will make up for it.

I can see Sue growing just like you say. She will be a grown girl when we return. That is in the near future in case you didn't know.

Continue to improve and be a nice sweet mother. We think of you often, wishing that we could take your worry off your shoulders, we will eventually do that very thing.

I will be seeing you soon. Until that time I will see you through letters. Sorry the boat failed you. Better luck next time.

Lots of Love

Always,

Brock

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Well I not those lotters to der and where they interesting. They were moiled the lith of Mayr. I should have some more tomorrow, at least I have so. I suspect you not the letter I wrote restandar, but I couldent think of a thing to write so I decided to try again.

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They must have had a time with those Army planes over those . We had almost all of our planes up at one time and hadent had a crash the whole two weeks or even since we have been over here. They must have had some new pilots or something. I wonder if they have found the boy that was lost yet.

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Bob Thornhill Hq. Sq. 11<sup>th</sup> gp Hickam Field Honolulu, T. H. August 21, 40

Dear Mother, Ava, B.J. and family,

We got a nice long letter today, sure was glad to get it. Glad that you decided to add a note to B.J. letter. Too bad about you being sick. Hope you are better by now. So that's why it takes so long to get Ava's letters. You forgot to mail them.

Seems like it is going to flood you all out if it keeps raining. I bet John is mad on account of he can't get a sun tan. He should be over here, he could really get one. I have given up all hope. I blister so damn easy and peel off and blister again. Did he get to go to Quinn Park to go swimming, hope so.

So you had unexpected company. I imagine it was a surprise. So he had a man waiting for him and it turned out to be Uncle Will. Seems like he can't tell the truth. He won't ever be able to do that I don't suppose. It sure was nice of him to give you all that money. He is the same old thing and no hope for better, and B.J. and I've got a present from him. Did he say anything about you going back out there or ask you to go. Is he staying with G mother or at the house?

So you have been sewing for a lady. I don't see where you can make any money sewing at that rate so I would forget it, too much work for nothing.

So we haven't got a birth certificate. I hope he gets it fixed in the near future so we won't have to wait till after Dec. A boy in the tent with me, and the Sq. commander told him to report to him so he has a year and a half of college and ROTC and he is going to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Reserve. Boy is he lucky. Tell Uncle Tal to rush them up [unreadable].

So Uncle Orvil says we are not satisfied, well he is mistaken. I don't know about J.C. he is saving his money, but not to buy out, I don't think he never says anything about it, and for Ray, he hasn't saved a penny. I think he is mistaken. And for me I would go back now if they would turn me alose. I joined for two years and I am going to try to make something if I can in those two years and I hope things back there is settled and the war talk is over. If I make what I want I will reenlist otherwise I won't. I am doing everything I can to make something worthwhile, but I don't see where you can make much unless you can make an officer and if you do you have nothing to worry about. The most you can make is about \$75 and you can lose it in no time. It usually takes about six years you make staff and that is about all you can depend on, that only pays \$72 and I care much for the army as an enlisted man. I hope I am lucky enough to get a good job when we get home.

You keep worrying about Brock and I. We are only on block apart. Just 1 block between us and he is moving in the same block with me. So don't worry. As long as we are on the same part we can't be far apart.

I suppose John enjoyed that dinner you fixed for him. I know I would. How is he coming with his work.

So Sue was trying to show herself and broke her booty. I bet she is a cutter with you all to play and pick at her all the time. I bet she is hard to keep clean with her all over the floor in the dust, but she will live through it we did. The dirt will do her good, you know her mother used to eat dirt, remember?

The Hunter Liggitt came in today with 108 recruits. We had 12 planes to go out to meet it yesterday, it was about 250 miles out and I almost got to go with them, but didn't. I am going up tomorrow. Might go to the big island, don't know yet. I hope I don't get very sick.

I went to the ball game this evening. Sure was good. Had to play 10 innings to play off. They tied 3 to 3 and we have only been beat twice this year.

Dear Ava,

Your excuse is getting old better get a new one <u>ha!</u> So you told your pop off or what. You should, but it won't do any good. I thought he was making good money with all that work to do.

Did he get out with the peas and pears to can. I don't expect he did.

So you want to know who the boy is in the picture with his pants down, it's Ray. Brock slipped up on us. I can't wait for the pictures of Sue, the rot. Don't seem like she is 9 months old. She will be grown before long.

Say did you read B.J.'s letter before she mailed it, what about that. About she said she told you that you had [unreadable] him longer than she. Did I laugh. Mother will have to refer to him in a different way [unreadable]daddy how about it.

Love, Bob

Betty Jean,

That sure was a nice letter you wrote. I laugh until I hurt you not. Why can't you do that more often. I really enjoyed them. That was too bad about your money being lost that pop sent you. I knew it was a nice roll.

Say, I wish I could hear you sing over the radio. We here W.W.L. sometimes. We listened to K Kauser this evening from 3:30 to 4:30. It was a good program.

You must be coming in B.Y.P.U. to rate a part in a play. Well will have to close so write soon.

Love, Bob

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Everyone,

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Bob was mistaken about his flight this morning. He didn't get to go today but I feel sure he will get one soon; I may get one before I go to Randolf. I am going to be a pilot but I haven't been in a plane yet. I wonder if I will like it way up yonder.

I got my pictures from company today. I put most of them in album today. I will have to get more corners before I put the rest of them in. I the single pictures were not printed at Flying Film Co. send the negatives instead. I want all pictures to have the border. If they are not 6-20 I would like to have to negatives also.

It's way easier to blister over here. The sun blistered me before I knew I was in the sun. I am pealing off now. I went swimming yesterday. The water is nice but I don't like the salt.

I heard from Grace yesterday. She is anxious for school to open. She has her heart set to make this year a real success. Just as she says the outcome is this year counts a lot. I know she will succeed. A girls as straight forward and clean and honest and with the principle and backbone that she has will make her way and do any job that she undertakes. I know that she is qualified for the possession.

Don't let anybody make you think that we are not satisfied. We can stay here two years without getting tired of the place. But we will be ready to leave in '42.

Sorry that we got you use to money and let you get with. We will see what we can do about the matter. \$30 goes on the car this month. I hope to be able to get Bettye Jean's clothes next pay day (October). You will have to do the best until then. We got another letter from Co today. I will answer his letter tonight but not with money.

Be sweet and take care of yourself. Will write later. Good bye and good luck.

Love and kisses

Brock

The zilhiso





Mrs. Bessie B. Ikanslill Magnolia, Miss.

Dealest Mother: well the dress + cake came last right. The chesier adorable and fits her perfectly. She looks like a dallin it is she proud this man. we didn't go to bunday School. Major was sick last night and to fay need of medicine + too much purk Was Still under weather this morn sod called drugstere + Rad faul send me something out. It did the trick and I think I want you to try it I It seems to be your dose. major insist & send youthis battle (Redished, taste + did it beep him tralling Ha). I speck I might need it ocquin shih? It is Thete' phospho- soda. Lit me know That Cake hit the spat I was just trying to make up my nind to make a pierwhen it arrived. Majer tried to make me wait till pmas but & didn't. nutler did he. you should see Sue Chewling on it + reaching far more. I crumble nine up picking out fruit for her. in time for you + B. Jean not to get my package morrow I couldn't get on to you. But I'll be there. Cardin it with so mrs Thanhill 9R. on it. Made
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Monday morn - Dam my luck. well here is letter I recieved from bearsthis morn. I called hank and they have check endorsed by sears on Dec. 19th so Sue written them another letter as my 4 th attimpt to get the order filled. I Huess My sinding shick + your heiner there + he has them all niped up. I wrote them letter upplaning host I knew how. Surely they'll Sent it to ne how. So you, B. Jean, Sue & major will get your Amas in January. In not game trump town + Any some little she something for Wait and tring the things when I come. I'll first this is silly but she have trying si onato them. Surely ste have them by next year buch. Ha Major drought home nice porb roast at noon so ques will have roast & dressing for dinner. Love

Dearest Mother,

Well the dress & cake came last night. The dress is adorable and fits her perfectly. She looks like a doll in it & is she proud of it, you should see her strut in it. I tried it on her this morn. We didn't go to Sunday School. Major was sick last night and today need of medicine & too much pork sausage. He took his dosage of Sal Hyatiea last night but was still under weather this morn so I called drugstore & had Paul send me something out. It did the trick and I think I want you to try it. It seems to be your dose. Major insist I send you this bottle (he disliked taste & did it keep him trotting Ha) I spect I might need it again huh? It is Fleets phosphor-soda. Let me know how you come out.

That cake hit the spot. I was just trying to make up my mind to make a pie when it arrived. Major tried to make me wait til Xmas but I didn't. Neither did he. You should see Sue chewing on it & reaching for more. I crumble mine up picking out fruit for her.

I hate for you & B. Jean not to get my package in time for Xmas but even if order should come tomorrow I couldn't get on to you. But I'll be there.

Write me about your Xmas tree. There was a card in it with To. Mrs. Thornhill-J.R on it. Made me wonder. Ha! What is John's last name? What did you get?

Brock wrote Major a card congratulating him. Maybe I'll get a letter in a few days. Hope so.

We have gotten lot's of cards but not 1 from the family. Be sure to call for my mail in McComb. We have several cards there.

I got letter from Nell said she had my patterns for me. I'm so glad. I sure hated to lose them. She didn't mention apartment. Wonder if it's still vacant. I hope.

Major went to company party & enjoyed it but I don't think quite like he would in McComb. I had kinda look forward to going to one there. They had it Friday night too.

I haven't heard from Edna since she was in Bed. She owes me a letter. Guess I'll hear from her one day this week. Have you heard from G.Mother and Aunt Babe lately?

How did Mag & Tylertown come out. I know that's one game B. Jean wanted to play in & win. Luck to her if they haven't played yet. Tell her I put the order in for her boots <u>again</u>. Told him size for the seventh time I think. Maybe she'll get them by spring or has she already?

There is one thing I can't settle down to & like here & that's groceries. I sure wish for a good old Piggly Wiggly. It's just a matter of routine her. There I rather enjoyed it.

If the weather stays like this you can wear your linen instead of your knitted. How does it look? Good, I'm sure.

Is Grace & Webb home yet? We got card from them yesterday. Go see them when you go to McComb. Tell her the little dress looks cute on Sue. I'll bring it when I come for her to see.

No news so will discontinue until after Xmas then will let you know just when to expect me. I'm hoping to catch a ride over if possible. I still want you to come over with Judge. I want those baking sheets, cake pan, & boilers. Need them.

I love you, Ava

Monday morn-Darn my luck. Will here is letter I received from Sears this morn. I called bank and they have check endorsed by sears on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> so I've written them another letter as my 4<sup>th</sup> attempt to get the order filled. I guess my sending checks & your living there & me here has them all mixed up. I wrote them letter explaining best I knew how. Surely they'll send it to me now. So you, B. Jean, Sue & Major will get your Xmas in January. I'm not gonna run up town & buy some little ole something for I don't have money & too its foolish. I'll just wait and bring the things when I come. I know this is silly but I've been trying since 2<sup>nd</sup> to get them. Surely I'll have them by next year huh. Ha.

Major brought home nice pork roast at noon so guess will have roast and dressing for dinner.

Love, Ava.